

public health programs, such as the indigent program, an innovative free drug program that saved the county more than \$4 million a year, as well as the county's diabetes education program. The diabetes education program has been so successful, that the county is looking to expanding its services to those with asthma, coronary artery disease and hypertension.

I have had the pleasure of working with Dr. Trochet on a number of issues over the years, ranging from investing in the public health workforce to encouraging families to participate in the National Children's Study. Dr. Trochet's service with the Sacramento County Department of Health and Human Services and her tireless work ethic has not gone unnoticed. In 2009, she was named one of six "Women Who Mean Business" by the Sacramento Business Journal, which celebrates the achievements of outstanding women with impactful careers within the Sacramento region. Dr. Trochet has also served on a number of advisory boards, such as Board of Director for Center for AIDS Research, Educates and Services, CARES, as well as the Sacramento County's Community Advisory Board, CAB, for the National Children's Study.

Dr. Trochet began her career completing residency at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, and moving to Sacramento to begin a private practice with the Sutter Medical Group and Family Physicians of Sacramento. In 1989, she left this practice to pursue a career with the Sacramento County Department of Health and Human Services as the Physician Lead of Mercy Clinic Loaves and Fishes. Four years later, she accepted the position of Medical Director for the County, where she managed all of the County's health care clinics. These clinics are crucial to our community, as they are the primary source of care for thousands of Sacramento families. During that same period, she also served as the Sexually Transmitted Disease, STD, Controller for Sacramento County.

Mr. Speaker, as Dr. Trochet, her husband, John, daughters Rene and Holly, friends and colleagues gather to celebrate her retirement as Sacramento County Public Health Officer, I ask you to join me in saluting this remarkable woman for her many years of service to the Sacramento community.

A TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DR.  
GEORGE F. REGAS

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2011*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Reverend Dr. George F. Regas of Pasadena, California. On September 11, 2011, Rev. Regas will be the first recipient of the George F. Regas Courageous Peacemaker Award, an award created by the Interfaith Communities United for Justice and Peace to acknowledge his tireless efforts for justice and peace.

For nearly three decades, during his tenure as the Rector of All Saints Episcopal Church in Pasadena, Rev. Regas continually worked towards peace by speaking out against war and advocating nonviolent solutions to the world's problems. He established many organizations toward that end, including an Inter-

faith Center to Reverse the Nuclear Arms Race with Rabbi Leonard Beerman of Leo Baeck Temple calling for religious institutions to oppose the global arms race. In addition, in collaboration with Professor John Cobb of Claremont Graduate University, he founded Progressive Christians Uniting that works for opportunity and economic justice for all, established the interfaith group called Interfaith Communities United for Justice and Peace and a South African Center to expose the atrocities of apartheid with Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Community-focused organizations include Union Station in Pasadena (now Union Station Homeless Services), a service center for homeless citizens, and the All Saints AIDS Service Center (now AIDS Service Center), the largest AIDS service program in the San Gabriel Valley.

Rev. Regas has served on the Boards of Trustees of both Claremont Graduate University and the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, and the Board of Directors of the Coalition For Zero Violence. In addition, he served as Chair of the Abrahamic Faiths Peace-making Initiative, a group of Jewish, Muslim and Christian leaders, and Chair of the National Coalition for the Ordination of Women as Priests and Bishops in the Episcopal Church. Currently, he is on the Board of Directors for the Desmond Tutu Peace Foundation and is the Executive Director of The Regas Institute, an organization he founded that advocates for a progressive religion that addresses the issues of war, justice, and equality.

Rev. Dr. Regas has received many prestigious awards during his lifetime. Some of the honors include the 2008 Distinguished Peace Leadership Award from the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, Harvard-Radcliffe Club's John Harvard Distinguished Service Award, the Justice Award from The Islamic Center of Southern California, and the Humanitarian Award from B'nai B'rith International.

I ask all Members to join me in congratulating Reverend Dr. George F. Regas, a paramount voice for peace and justice in the United States, upon being named the inaugural recipient of the George F. Regas Courageous Peacemaker Award.

HONORING FIRST METHODIST  
CHURCH OF BROWNSBORO,  
TEXAS 100TH CELEBRATION

**HON. JEB HENSARLING**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2011*

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize the Centennial Celebration of the First Methodist Church in Brownsboro, Texas.

On September 25, 2011, the First Methodist Church of Brownsboro will celebrate 100 years of Methodism in Brownsboro and Henderson County, Texas. For 100 years evangelism, missionary service, youth development, Sunday school, Bible study, fellowship, and worship have been continually celebrated by the congregation.

As Thomas Jefferson said, "It is in our lives and not our words that our religion must be read," it is an honor to represent the parishioners of the First Methodist Church of Brownsboro, Texas whose lives exude service and faith.

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**HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2011*

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to honor my friend, the late David L. Widell.

David L. Widell was a passionate supporter of political solutions to a host of California's Conservation issues. Unfortunately, one of our greatest wetlands advocates passed away far too early. Dave, General Manager and Director of Governmental Affairs of Grassland Water District, was without equal in his passion about Central Valley wetlands' water issues.

Dave was a native son to California, born in Watsonville and raised in Los Banos. Dave grew up hunting and fishing from the Valley floor to the Sierras. He would often recount getting the special excuse slips from Los Banos High School on traditional Wednesday duck hunts.

Dave was no stranger to local politics and issues having graduated from Los Banos High School in 1985 and Modest Junior College in 1987, before attaining a BA degree in political history from UC Davis in 1990. He was a former field representative to Assemblyman Rusty Areias; City of Los Banos Planning Commissioner; and Director on the Merced County Farm Bureau Board. In 1992, following service in the United States Air Force, he joined the Grassland Water District as Assistant General Manager.

Dave was a strong supporter of the Grasslands Ecological Complex and pushed for fair landscape planning. He fought several large urban developments that would have divided the Grasslands and caused fragmentation of wetland habitats.

Dave spent the majority of his life devoted to conservation organizations. In 1998, he left the District to spread his wings at California Waterfowl Association where he served as Chief Deputy Director of Governmental Affairs. After leaving CWA, Dave moved on to serve as Deputy Director of State Parks in charge of ORVs and then Assistant Secretary at the California Resources Agency under both Davis and Schwarzenegger administrations. He joined Ducks Unlimited as Director of Conservation Policy for the Pacific Flyway, before returning to the District in 2007 as General Manager.

Dave fought for legal water rights of the Grasslands and Central Valley wetlands. He co-authored an important chapter for the Central Valley Joint Venture on water for wetlands and wildlife-friendly agriculture. It is with some joy that he knew he had helped reach full supply of wetland water for the first time in over 20 years. Dave was as comfortable in the Halls of Congress as he was in an old duck shack.

Sharing his knowledge of wing shooting or fly fishing with youth or novices was one of Dave's pleasures. He was most proud of the skills his son Ty developed in the outdoors and the intellectual challenges he has achieved by matriculating to Purdue University.

The unique combination of knowledge, political resolve, and dedication the Dave brought to the District will remain unmatched. Dave's